



CITY OF COLUMBIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014
6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL - 1737 MAIN STREET
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 3RD FLOOR

The Columbia City Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. The following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Leona K. Plough, The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman, The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan and The Honorable Moe Baddourah. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Chaplain Darrell Croft, Columbia Fire Department offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda, subject to removing **Item 5** from the Consent Agenda.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION AND PUBLIC INPUT

[Update on the Multi-Use Entertainment Facility in the Bull Street Development](#)

Ms. Jeanne Brooker, Esq., Assistant City Attorney said they reviewed many venue license agreements and incorporated various deal points into the agreement. She said over 50 questions were received from various stakeholders and each question was evaluated to determine if changes were needed. Those questions ranged from misunderstandings of the contract terms to suggestions that conflicted with the existing Bull Street Development Agreement. She provided an update on the changes that have taken place since the agreement was approved on first reading.

There was an in-depth discussion regarding the following:

- A traffic study
- Tax paying property versus taxable property
- Changing the language in the Bull Street Development Agreement
- Outside concessions
- Appointing neighborhood representatives to the Advisory Board

There was a consensus of Council to add one representative from the following adjacent neighborhoods to include, but not limited to Arsenal Hill, Cottontown, Downtown Neighborhood Association, Earlewood, Edgewood, Elmwood, and Robert Mills and as selected by the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods on a rotating basis to the Advisory Board.

Mr. Ryan Coleman, Interim Economic Development Director explained that staff has been working to prepare a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a firm to perform a thorough analysis of the Bull Street Project. The RFQ will be released tomorrow; staff will seek Council's approval of the intent to award on May 20, 2014; and the study is estimated to cost \$50,000. He noted that a private entity wants to fund that study, but city staff will recommend what internal resources are available. He said that the cost benefit analysis will focus on service costs and revenues over a 30-year period.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we need to have an opportunity to hear from firms through the negotiation phase on what it would take to get the kind of information that we think as staff would prove beneficial for us in years to come, if this Council does proceed. She said the exercise is about having the data going forward in terms of the level of services that will increase in the city.

There was a discussion related to the following:

- The inclusion of admissions tax as revenue
- The status of the RFQ for private parking services
- The deadline for the economic impact study
- Using the city's operating data and the developer's projections to determine the real benefit of this project

Mr. Jeff Palen, Chief Financial Officer said that the finances haven't changed since the last meeting. He reviewed the estimated annual revenues, outstanding bond debt service, new hospitality bond debt service, and estimated expenses.

There was an in-depth discussion related to the following:

- Insurance for the facility will be paid by the city in the amount of \$35,000 annually
- Permanently fixed equipment that may be taxable

Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager of Operations noted that Hardball will pay personal property taxes. She outlined the next steps and future Council actions to be taken. She further explained that the Bull Street PUD requires a traffic study if the baseball stadium is built. She said we are making efforts to conduct a noise study and a lighting study. She said the development agreement requires a storm water master plan and how that will be accommodated immediately in terms of baseball. She noted that Mr. Hughes is currently working on storm water along Smith Branch.

There was an in-depth discussion related to the following:

- Reducing our commitment in the Bull Street Development Agreement if parking is paid for otherwise
- The storm water impact in Cottontown/current street flooding

Mr. Michael Seezen, Esq., Bond Counsel / Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A. explained that the reimbursement resolution (*Item 3*) would allow the city to reimburse itself for expenditures incurred up to 60-days prior to authorizing a bond. He said the city must declare its official intent to issue tax exempt debt for the purpose of paying for expenditures. He noted that this resolution does not bind the city to issue tax exempt debt; it does not change the obligation of the City Council to give two (2) readings to a bond ordinance; and it doesn't change any of the requirements that are associated with authorizing the bonds.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager stated that if this moves forward, this needs to be a daily task, whether it be handled externally or internally.

- **Council opened the meeting for public input at 7:24 p.m.**

Ms. Doresa Bull said this is very confusing and we need to understand where our money is going; how much we are spending; and how much is coming back.

Ms. Diane Wiley, Belvedere Community resident said she would love to see a team come into this area.

Coach Oliver Francis, 2401 Sumter Street said let's do the right thing for Columbia. He said if the stadium doesn't go there, what will.

Ms. Sabrina Odom, Joan Street resident said she is excited about this project and she hopes that small businesses are a part of this.

Ms. Elizabeth Marks, 1908 Henderson Street asked Council to postpone the decision and to have a public referendum on the matter.

Mr. Earl Utsey, 6918 Shelley Road said everybody would like to have a multi-purpose facility, but the issue is who pays for it. He asked Council to let the taxpayers have a say in this.

Coach Willie Washington, 2317 Haskell Avenue said Benedict College stands to support this Bull Street project, especially the stadium.

Ms. Elizabeth Lee Miller, 403 S. Bonham Street insisted that Councilman Cameron Runyan recuse himself and resign immediately, because she heard on the news that he intends to move to Greenville.

Mr. Howard Duvall, 4103 MacGregor Drive presented a Bull Street Break-Even Analysis as prepared by an unidentified economist. He stated that the total incremental revenue to the City would be \$6.4 million. [Click here to view Mr. Duvall's remarks](#) – [Click here to view the Break-Even Analysis](#)

Mr. John McLean, 1703 Oak Grove Court said he supports baseball. He said the city should have recognized the owner of the Blowfish for being here for eleven (11) years. He urged Council to think about the kids.

Mr. Tommy Burkett, 1216 Miller Avenue said we all want new business, but we are going to be taking away from other areas; some of this has to roll over to Eau Claire. He said we haven't seen the final numbers on the cost of Bull Street.

Ms. Naomi Gilyard, 1409 Cherokee Street said we don't want to have a hindrance by not doing things in a sensible matter; we have to be established financially to do these things. She said the potholes are tearing up our cars.

Mr. Alvin Watson, 320 South Beltline Boulevard said he supports baseball, because we need jobs. He said we are the second largest market and we don't have a sports franchise.

Mr. Ebonn Thomas said she supports the baseball stadium and looks forward to continuing her life here in Columbia.

Mr. Bob Wynn, Arsenal Hill Neighborhood Association President said "if only" is a thief of "what could be". [Click here to view Mr. Wynn's comments](#)

Mr. David Boucher, 2414 Gadsden Street said this is a good step for Columbia.

Mr. Moe Brown said Columbia struggles to have its own identity and baseball may create an opportunity for Columbia to have an identity.

Ms. Ari Derrick said if you vote yes, you will be committing the city to a massive 30-year debt.

Mr. William DePass quoted Luke 14:28 *"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower, won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?"* He asked Council to delay the vote and get more information before making a final decision.

Mr. Kendrick Muldrow said he supports the baseball park, because it will bring entertainment and jobs.

Mr. Joe Azar, 746 Harden Street asked what will be done if the ball team goes bankrupt.

Mr. Bill Shuler, 1717 Carousel Circle said you all know it's going to work.

Mr. John Livoti, 14 Newstead Court asked why we can't have a baseball team. He said Charlotte's stadium was funded similarly to what is being proposed for Columbia.

Ms. Christie Savage, 823 Stebondale Road said we have a great opportunity to do something positive. She said it will bring jobs for the people in Columbia and attract people to Columbia.

Ms. Kit Smith, 120 Edisto Avenue said you are voting tonight to approve a venue management agreement and to move forward with discussions on building and funding a stadium. She asked that they consider an economic development study before going forward.

Ms. Rebecca Haynes said she is looking forward to the Bull Street development in general and we deserve to give Columbia this chance.

Mr. Justin Young, 2600 Kershaw Street said he doesn't understand why we want to do this when we have a public housing development without central heating and air in the same area. He urged the Council members to save the money from the stadium and invest in the council districts.

Mr. Jonathan Kirkwood, 2062 Watermark Place said he is excited about this, but he has concerns about revenue and demand. He asked what kind of jobs will be created and who will get those jobs.

Dr. Albert Reid, Easter Street resident said the majority of the residents in his district do not want to build a baseball stadium for strangers and new developments without signed commitments. He asked that the taxpayers vote on this important and expensive matter.

- **Council closed the public comment period at 8:54 p.m.**

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

1. Ordinance No.: 2014-021 (Amended) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Venue License Agreement between the City of Columbia and Hardball Capital LLC for the planned multi-use entertainment facility in the Bull Street Development – *First reading approval was given on March 4, 2014. – Approved on second reading as amended by a vote of four (4) to three (3).*

Ms. Plough made a motion to add language to page 8, Article III, A., 1. *Approval of City Council:* to add that the City of Columbia's total contribution to the development of the venue and all other related expenditures including the plaza; the support of Hughes' development; Hughes Development's use of the air rights; and cost overruns shall not exceed \$29 million. It was seconded by Mr. Baddourah.

Councilor Plough said we are authorizing a contract with Hardball to manage a facility that we have not agreed to build. She said they should authorize the construction of the facility and then worry about having somebody to manage it or do it simultaneously.

Ms. Jeanne Brooker, Esq., Assistant City Attorney referenced page 6 of the License Agreement under the definition of projected budget. She said that the venue will be built in accordance with the projected budget and the projected budget is defined as “shall be the budget to develop the venue, which budget shall not exceed \$35 million”. She said within the License Agreement, Hardball’s initial contribution is \$6 million, which caps the city’s obligation at \$29 million.

Mayor Benjamin said he doesn’t want to begin assigning amendments that are designed to eliminate or kill the deal; staff has carefully negotiated each point; and to begin to change the agreement on the spot is a dangerous quest.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted four (4) to three (3) to add the following language to page 8, Article III, A., 1. *Approval of City Council*: the City of Columbia’s total contribution to the development of the venue and all other related expenditures including the plaza; the support of Hughes’ development; Hughes Development’s use of the air rights; and cost overruns shall not exceed \$29 million. Voting aye were Mr. Baddourah, Ms. Plough, Ms. Devine and Mr. Davis. Voting nay were Mr. Runyan, Mr. Newman and Mayor Benjamin.

Councilor Plough referenced the section in the document that talks about the Venue Development Agreement. She asked why we would want to sign an agreement that commits to a document or timeframe that they haven’t seen. She asked why the paragraph on timelines is essential.

A motion was made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Baddourah to delete Article III, A., 3. *Satisfaction of Development Agreement Conditions* and the reference to the conditions in the development agreement.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted four (4) to three (3) to table the motion to delete Article III, A., 3. *Satisfaction of Development Agreement Conditions* and the reference to the conditions in the development agreement. Voting aye were Mr. Runyan, Mr. Newman, Mr. Davis and Mayor Benjamin. Voting nay were Mr. Baddourah, Ms. Plough and Ms. Devine.

Mayor Benjamin made a motion to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-021 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Venue License Agreement between the City of Columbia and Hardball Capital LLC for the planned multi-use entertainment facility in the Bull Street Development, subject to (1) adding one representative from the following adjacent neighborhoods to include, but not limited to Arsenal Hill, Cottontown, Downtown Neighborhood Association, Earlewood, Edgewood, Elmwood, and Robert Mills and as selected by the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods on a rotating basis to the Advisory Board and (2) clarifying that the total development cost is \$35,000,000 with \$6,000,000 coming from Hardball Capital, LLC and \$29,000,000 coming from the City of Columbia. It was seconded by Mr. Runyan.

Ms. Plough made a motion to postpone the final reading on the agreement as amended until the community and City Council can review and approve a development agreement and a cost benefit analysis for Bull Street can be completed and provided to the community and City Council for review. Mr. Baddourah seconded the motion.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted four (4) to three (3) to table the motion to postpone the final reading on the agreement as amended until the community and the City Council can review and approve a development agreement and a cost benefit analysis for Bull Street can be completed and provided to the community and City Council for review. Voting aye were Mr. Runyan, Mr. Newman, Mr. Davis and Mayor Benjamin. Voting nay were Mr. Baddourah, Ms. Plough and Ms. Devine.

Councilor Plough said it's our constituents who suffer if we allocate the city's limited resources without regard to the city's needs and priorities. She asked that each council member do the right thing for one Columbia. She asked them to consider what can be achieved on Bull Street, that site or another section of Columbia if this community and City Council collectively agreed to offer \$29 million to a top corporate prospect that would bring real permanent full time jobs to this city.

Councilor Runyan admitted that he was initially against this, because he doesn't vote for things that he doesn't understand. He said he spent time looking for reasons to oppose this. He said they will have to stand accountable for whether or not they made the right decision and he is comfortable with that. He agreed that this is a sizable investment. He outlined other sizable investments in the city, noting that the Vista was a fruitful investment. He noted that the net present value of the Vista investments is \$167,651,729.26. He believes that this will prove to be a very wise investment.

Councilor Davis said as the senior member of Council he did not want this venue to cause a tax increase; he did not want to spend water and sewer funds; and he wants to keep the organizations funded by the hospitality tax fund whole. He said some who spoke in favor of us making this happen are from a part of this city that has always felt neglected. He said whenever there has been a suggestion to invest in certain parts of this city, there has been pushback. He said it's time to look elsewhere. He is serious about the noise, traffic and lighting studies along with the possible impact on infrastructure.

Councilor Baddourah said the hospitality tax fund is being used to fund the stadium, but it is used to fund festivals and groups that we invested in as a city twenty years ago to build a culture and the soul of the city. He said the funding was also used for Southeast Park and with all its tennis courts the park doesn't have a clubhouse. He said the sixty parks are his entertainment venues with the city's citizens; we need to take care of our parks all over this city. He will not support this.

Councilor Devine said there are so many more things they could do if they had more time to discuss this. She said they all want what's best for this city. She said as elected officials they are in a position to weigh the long-term benefits, risks, costs and the opportunities for our city. She wanted to support this and she is intrigued by the discussion to look at other ways to fund parking. She recalled that she previously proposed capping the city's commitment at \$57 million. She said we have needs everywhere. She said people want their questions answered and sometimes that means taking more time to make sure they understand. She said we haven't completed our due diligence and for that reason she can't support this.

Councilor Newman expressed to the public the amount of due diligence that goes into something like this; for every meeting that we have, staff has two (2) or three (3) meetings to prepare for our meetings. He said oftentimes, it may appear that things are done hastily, but he disagrees with that. He also supports this venue, because he has been arguing for better use of our hospitality tax funds; for something more tangible, long-lasting and beneficial to the community for generations to come. He said this is an effective use of hospitality dollars. He said his district is the most diverse and everything that happens on this property affects him just as much as anybody else. He sees this as an opportunity to be an economic catalyst for one of the largest tracts of land in this city. He said this opportunity will create jobs in our area and provide a positive recreational environment for our youth and young adults.

Mayor Benjamin noted that he attended over twenty (20) public hearings, input sessions and community meetings in all four districts of this city. He said the document has been amended to include recommendations from supporters and critics alike in the spirit of compromise. He further noted that the final vote was delayed for over one (1) month. He reported that an anonymous economic impact study by a former state economist shows that Bull Street will eventually provide 11,000 permanent jobs; \$1.2 billion in annual economic impact; \$581 million in new income a year; and \$20 million in new annual tax revenue. He reported that Brailsford and Dunlavey's feasibility study said that the ballpark will create 1,630 jobs; \$192 million in wages; 500,000 downtown visitors at the multi-use venue; and tens of thousands room nights booked. He shared letters with his colleagues from mayors across the country whose city's took the lead in establishing Minor League Baseball as anchors in their downtown and are seeing significant benefits from taking that bold move. He said this agreement will pay a maximum of \$29 million with a hospitality tax bond; no water and sewer funds; no general fund dollars; no reduction in services; no reductions to organizations receiving hospitality tax funding; and no tax increase. He is excited about where we are going as a city and he wants us all to go there together.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted four (4) to three (3) to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-021 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Venue License Agreement between the City of Columbia and Hardball Capital LLC for the planned multi-use entertainment facility in the Bull Street Development, subject to (1) adding one representative from the following adjacent neighborhoods to include, but not limited to Arsenal Hill, Cottontown, Downtown Neighborhood Association, Earlewood, Edgewood, Elmwood, and Robert Mills and as selected by the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods on a rotating basis to the Advisory Board and (2) clarifying that the total development cost is \$35,000,000 with \$6,000,000 coming from Hardball Capital, LLC and \$29,000,000 coming from the City of Columbia. Voting aye were Mr. Runyan, Mr. Newman, Mr. Davis and Mayor Benjamin. Voting nay were Mr. Baddourah, Ms. Plough and Ms. Devine.

2. [Ordinance No.: 2014-024 \(Amended\)](#) – Authorizing the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to Development Agreement between the City of Columbia, South Carolina and Hughes Development Corporation, as equitable owner and developer, of approximately 165 acres of land within the City of Columbia, commonly known as the Department of Mental Health's "Bull Street Campus" – *First reading approval was given on March 4, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-024 – Authorizing the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to Development Agreement between the City of Columbia, South Carolina and Hughes Development Corporation, as equitable owner and developer, of approximately 165 acres of land within the City of Columbia, commonly known as the Department of Mental Health's "Bull Street Campus".

RESOLUTION

3. [Resolution No.: R-2014-046](#) – A Resolution relating to the Declaration of intent by the City of Columbia, South Carolina, to issue Special Obligation Bonds (Hospitality Fee Pledge) or other Tax-Exempt Obligations and to Reimburse certain Expenditures prior to the Issuance by the City of such Bonds or Obligations – *Approved by a vote of five (5) to two (2), subject to removing the references to the pedestrian walkway as well as the Columbia Museum of Art.*

Councilor Devine asked if the reimbursement portion could be separated.

Mr. Michael Seezen, Esq., Bond Counsel / Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A. explained that the wording provides for the issuance of a hospitality bond or other tax-exempt obligation. He said the purpose is to preserve the ability to reimburse.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted five (5) to two (2) to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-046 – A Resolution relating to the Declaration of intent by the City of Columbia, South Carolina, to issue Special Obligation Bonds (Hospitality Fee Pledge) or other Tax-Exempt Obligations and to Reimburse certain Expenditures prior to the Issuance by the City of such Bonds or Obligations, subject to removing the references to the pedestrian walkway as well as the Columbia Museum of Art. Voting aye were Mr. Runyan, Mr. Newman, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis and Mayor Benjamin. Voting nay were Mr. Baddourah and Ms. Plaugh.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 4 and 6 through 12. Item 5** was approved by a separate motion.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS & AGREEMENTS

4. Council is asked to approve a request for [Paving Contracting Services for the Milling and Resurfacing of Bailey Street](#), as requested by the Street Division. This contract is being awarded in the amount of \$120,759.75 to Sloan Construction as a Local Business Enterprise located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 407999-658650 Street Resurfacing Capital Project / Special Contracts Capital Projects and SR803401-658650 Bailey Street Improvements / Special Contracts Capital Projects – **Note:** The original budgeted amount for this project \$133,000.00. - Approved*

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

5. [Ordinance No.: 2014-001](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 4, Animals, Article I, In General, Sec. 4-1 Killing, injuring or disturbing squirrels or birds; Article III, Animal Control, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 4-61, Definitions; Sec. 4-63 Kennels; to add Sec. 4-73 Animal care, generally; and amending Division 2, Dangerous Animals, Sec. 4-93 Restraint of an aggressive animal – *First reading approval was given on April 1, 2014. – Second reading approval was deferred and the matter was referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.*

Mayor Benjamin said if we are serious about our commitment to become a no-kill city and significantly reducing our euthanasia rate, then this is a key piece to the puzzle. He said the issue is about irresponsible pet owners.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said they asked the Legal Department to look at ways to address the irresponsible pet owners.

Mayor Benjamin made a motion to refer this matter to the Economic and Community Development Committee. He asked to see how this could fit into an overall no-kill strategy and other ways to deal with pet owners who may run afoul of the law. Mr. Baddourah seconded the motion.

Ms. Marli Drum, Superintendent of Animal Services said the amendment includes a section on animal care that will allow them to deal with irresponsible pet owners, particularly those that are mistreating animals and cruelty issues right away. She said that changes to section 4-93 will better allow them to deal with aggressive animals in court.

Councilor Davis expressed concerns about increasing the number of dogs and how that impacts neighbors. He also wants to review the issue of vicious and aggressive dogs and the situation that staff is put into when they see no concerns when they arrive.

Mayor Benjamin also wants to look at the current adoption rates and the effect it is having on our current pet population.

Councilor Devine suggested that the ordinance be amended to keep the tools that are needed immediately and then send the remaining issues to the committee.

Upon a motion made by Mayor Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to refer a review of Ordinance 2014-001 to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

6. [Ordinance No.: 2014-016](#) – Granting an encroachment to First Community Bank for installation and maintenance of a free-standing canopy, four (4) granite curb planters and sidewalk within the sidewalk right of way area adjacent to 1213 Lady Street, Richland County TMS #09013-06-08 – *First reading approval was given on April 1, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
7. [Ordinance No.: 2014-022](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Easement Agreement between the City of Columbia and USC Alumni Center Corporation for the AC Corp Building to the Parking Facility – *First reading approval was given on April 1, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
8. [Ordinance No.: 2014-027](#)- Granting an encroachment to Grapes and Gallery for placement and maintenance of three (3) tables and eight (8) chairs within the sidewalk right of way adjacent to 1113 Taylor Street for use by its patrons for outdoor dining during normal business hours – *First reading approval was given on April 1, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

9. [Ordinance No.: 2014-029](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Development and Zoning, Article VIII, Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission; Authority of Forestry and Beautification Superintendent; Tree Preservation and Care on City Property and Public Rights of Ways, Division 2, Administration, Sec. 17-814 Columbia tree and appearance commission (b) Membership; terms; vacancies (1) Memberships – *First reading approval was given on April 1, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
10. [Ordinance No.: 2014-032](#) – Amending Ordinance 2012-059 granting encroachment to the University of South Carolina for use of the right of way area of the 1500 block of Greene Street and 800 block of Pickens Street adjacent to USC Petigru College, Richland County TMS #11304-05-01, for installation and maintenance of asphalt pavement, concrete curb, guttering, walkway, brick wall, wrought iron fencing, parking spaces, bike lane, wheel stops, handicap ramp, landscaping and irrigation system to include the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Greene Street and 600 and 700 blocks of Bull Street for installation and maintenance of stamped asphalt pavement crosswalks, concrete curb, guttering, columns, gate, islands, bike lanes and removal of thirty-five (35) parking spaces – *First reading approval was given on April 1, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
11. [Ordinance No.: 2014-033](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article III, Officers and Employees, Sec. 2-115 City attorney – *First reading approval was given on April 1, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*
12. [Ordinance No.: 2014-036](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV, Offenses Against the Public Peace and Order, Sec. 14-99 Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on public property – *First reading approval was given on April 1, 2014. – Approved on second reading.*

TEXT AMENDMENT – SECOND READING

13. [Amend §17-287](#) to permit limited outdoor storage at used merchandise stores.

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| <i>Proposal:</i> | Amend §17-287, Used Merchandise, to permit limited outdoor storage at used merchandise stores by special exception. |
| <i>Applicant:</i> | Councilman Cameron Runyan |
| <i>PC Recommendation:</i> | Approve (7-1), 3/3/14 |
| <i>Staff Recommendation:</i> | Approve |

[Ordinance No.: 2014-028](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 8, District Descriptions; Use and Dimensional Regulations, Sec. 17-287 Used merchandise stores – *First reading approval was given on March 18, 2014. – Approved on second reading by a vote of five (5) to two (2).* - [Map](#)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted five (5) to two (2) to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-028 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning, Division 8, District Descriptions; Use and Dimensional Regulations, Sec. 17-287 Used merchandise stores. Voting aye were Mr. Runyan, Mr. Newman, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis and Mayor Benjamin. Voting nay were Mr. Baddourah and Ms. Plough.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

14. [Ordinance No.: 2014-031](#) – Granting an encroachment to Technetics Group LLC/EnPro Industries, LLC for installation and maintenance of conduit and fiber optic cable within the right of way area of the 2700 block of The Boulevard adjacent to its buildings at 2791 The Boulevard and 2770 The Boulevard, Richland County TMS No.: 13512-02-03 and 13512-01-01 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-031 – Granting an encroachment to Technetics Group LLC/EnPro Industries, LLC for installation and maintenance of conduit and fiber optic cable within the right of way area of the 2700 block of The Boulevard adjacent to its buildings at 2791 The Boulevard and 2770 The Boulevard, Richland County TMS No.: 13512-02-03 and 13512-01-01. Mr. Davis was not present for the vote.

15. [Ordinance No.: 2014-035](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Third Amendment to Lease between the City of Columbia and Old Boy Properties, LLC for property consisting of 100 ± acres in Richland County, South Carolina being a portion of the property formerly owned by Columbia Venture, LLC and Sunday School, LLC – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-035 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Third Amendment to Lease between the City of Columbia and Old Boy Properties, LLC for property consisting of 100 ± acres in Richland County, South Carolina being a portion of the property formerly owned by Columbia Venture, LLC and Sunday School, LLC. Mr. Davis was not present for the vote.

16. [Ordinance No.: 2014-039](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 13, Municipal Court to add Sec. 13-8 juror compensation – *Municipal Court jurors shall receive compensation of \$10 per day and \$5 for mileage per day. – Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2014-039 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 13, Municipal Court to add Sec. 13-8 juror compensation. Mr. Davis was not present for the vote.

RESOLUTIONS

17. [Resolution No.: R-2014-039](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Arts and Draughts – *This event is scheduled for August 1, 2014. - Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2014-039 – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for Arts and Draughts. Mr. Davis was not present for the vote.

18. [Resolution No.: R-2014-045](#) – Amending Resolution R-2014-024 Adopting a Policy and Criteria to Consider the Inclusion of Real Property in a Multi-County Industrial Park to Apply Richland County's Special Source Revenue Credit Incentive to Real Property within the Corporate Limits of the City of Columbia to remove the exclusion of the Bull Street Development Project – *Consideration of this item was deferred.*

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION / ACTION

19. Columbia's Annual Hip Hop Family Day Funding Request – The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine

Upon a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted four (4) to one (1) to approve funding in the amount of \$10,000 from the Hospitality Tax Fund for Columbia's Annual Hip Hop Family Day. Voting aye were Mr. Baddourah, Mr. Newman, Ms. Devine and Mayor Benjamin. Ms. Plough voted nay. Mr. Runyan and Mr. Davis were not present for the vote.

APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC

No one appeared at this time.

Mayor Benjamin said he will share a resolution with Council that clearly underscores their support for the arts community and cultural organizations and our commitment to existing organizations that receive hospitality tax funding. He asked for their input and comments on the resolution that will be considered on April 22, 2014.

Councilor Devine requested a report of the allocations from the hospitality tax fund over the last three (3) years.

Councilor Davis stated for the record that he supports the Hip Hop Family Day.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager reminded the Mayor and members of Council to provide their comments on the RFQ for the cost benefit analysis.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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City Clerk